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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1611

MARGARET FORNEY PRESCOTT

Examiner: Kudla, Joseph S.

APPLICATION NO: 10/531,677

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FOR: BISPHOSPHONATES FOR THE TREATMENT OF
ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND DEVICES COMPRISING THEMCommissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of February 14, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 14, 2008. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$460 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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